

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 19, 2005.

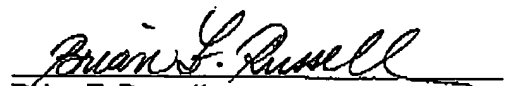
In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Claims 3-9, 18-19 and 21-25 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance.

In paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,460,593 to *Mersky et al.* (*Mersky*). In response to this rejection, Applicant has cancelled Claims 14 and 15.

Having now responded to each of the rejections set forth in the present claims, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be required; however, in the event any fee, including a fee for an extension of time, is required, please charge that fee to Firm Deposit Account No. 50-3083.

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